

## भारत सरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE

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F.No. FC-II/MH-140/2021-NGP / 9091 Jo.

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forest Department, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk Madam Cama Marg Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 33.420 ha Forest Land for upgradation to two lanes with paved shoulder to four lane configruation of Nanded-Kinwat-Mahur-Arni road section of National Highway 161 A 0.00 km at Bhoker and end at Arni Fata via Sarsam-Himayatnagar-Kinwat-Mahur of Nanded district in the state of Maharashtra- regarding.

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to refer to State Government of Maharashtra's letter FLD-2020/CR-206/F-10 dated 22.01.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra letter No. Desk- 17/NC/I/ID-/587/20-21 dated 06.10.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that the instant proposal was placed before Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 23.12.2021. After detailed discussion and examination of the proposal, the Committee decided that proposal shall again placed before the REC after the receipt of following information:

- i. Detailed site specific Wildlife Management Plan of 10 years shall be prepared and specifically suggesting mitigation measures in form of underpasses and overpasses both in forest and nonforest area clearly mentioning the location and dimensions of all such structures duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden needs to be submitted.
- ii. Revised KML file of land indentified to carry out Compensatory Afforestation which is submitted along with the query reply has not been uploaded in Parivesh portal replacing the older KML files of CA which were earlier uploaded during submission of the proposal. The revised KML files of CA land shall be uploaded in Parivesh portal and intimated to this office.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to submit information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This issues with the approval of Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Nagpur. Yours faithfully,

Technical Officer (Gr. I)

Copy to:

The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

ii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.

iii. User agency.

iv. Guard file.

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(N.K. Dimri)

Technical Officer (Gr. I)